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Legal No. 19644 Opportunity to Object to Nineteen Rock Pits on the Kaibab National Forest Heather Provencio, Forest Supervisor of the Kaibab National Forest, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA), finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and draft decision notice (DN) for Nineteen Rock Pits on the Kaibab National Forest. The proposed project will fulfill a need for economic and practical sources of rock material to maintain safe driving surfaces and reduce water runoff and erosion on unpaved roads throughout the Kaibab National Forest. To meet this need, nineteen rock pits on the Kaibab National Forest have been approved for development, operation, and subsequent reclamation out of a total of 37 potential rock pits that were analyzed for suitability on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests. Two separate draft DNs authorizing development, operation, and reclamation of rock pits on the Coconino National Forest will be issued by the Forest Supervisor of the Coconino National Forest. In response to public comments received, the draft DN limits certain activities during bird breeding season and it includes an approved reclamation plan for returning rock pit locations to a natural state. By changing the boundaries of four rock pits and requiring demarcation of historically valuable areas, the draft DN also addresses concerns for cultural resources brought up during tribal consultation. The EA, FONSI, and draft DN are available on-line at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34858. These documents are also available for review at the Coconino or Kaibab National Forest Supervisor's Office. Additional information can be obtained from: Mike Dechter, 928-527-3416, mdechter@fs.fed.us. The actions proposed in the Nineteen Rock Pits on the Kaibab National Forest draft DN are activities implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the HFRA, and are subject to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. How to file an Objection and Timeframe Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with ħ218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities. Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Cal Joyner, Regional Forester, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, objections-southwestern-kaibab@fs.fed.us. Electronically filed objections may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html). Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Arizona Daily Sun. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1. The specific draft decision being objected 2.The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 3.A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection); 4. When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 5. The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; 6.A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 7.A statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection. Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. PUB: July 3, 2016 19644

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